

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED APRIL 1, 2008

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REMARKS

This is in reply to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-9 are pending and all are rejected. Claims 1-9 are rejected as indefinite, specifically, language in Claims 3-8 is deemed indefinite by the Examiner. Claim 1 is rejected as indefinite for providing for the use of a laminate layer, but according to the Examiner, it is unclear as to what the claim is intended to encompass, article or method.

Claim 1 is further rejected under 35 USC 101, the Examiner contending that the claim improperly recites a process.

Applicants have amended Claims 3-8 (canceling Claim 6) to eliminate the specific language deemed indefinite by the Examiner. Applicants have also amended Claim 1 to recite a bender structure with a piezo-resistive material attached, and eliminated the functional language, thereby clearly showing that Claim 1 encompasses the article recited therein, and rendering rejections as to indefiniteness and under 35 USC 101 moot.

Applicants have added Claims 10-14. Support for new Claims 10 and 11 may be found on page 10, lines 8-12 and page 3, lines 27-30, respectively. Support for Claims 12 and 13 may be found on page 8, lines 8-19. Support for Claim 14 may be found in Claim 8 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

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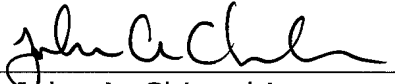
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Summary

Applicants contend that the claims, as amended, overcome the rejections under 35 USC 101 as well as to indefiniteness and request that the application be examined on the merits. An early and favorable decision is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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